

Board of Commissioners

May 22, 2007 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Ordinance 2007-02 Automated Routing

Commissioner Rininger explained that Automated Routing requested a re-zoning of part of their land so an addition can be built. The Spencer County Plan Commission recommended the change. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Farm Rental Approval Letter

Auditor Shelton explained that Eric Sermersheim requested a letter signed by the commissioners stating that the commissioners granted him the right to farm part of the former county home property in Section 21. Shelton also prepared a similar letter for Hurm Farms. Rininger, Logsdon and Gogel signed the letters.

IACC

Rininger reminded the commissioners that the Indiana Association of County Commissioners 2007 Spring District Meeting will be held June 28<sup>th</sup> at Mulzer Camp at 4 o'clock Spencer County time. Logsdon, Rininger, and Gogel all stated they will attend.

SRI Contract

Shelton explained that a new Tax Sale Support Services Addendum needed to be signed with SRI, the company the county contracts with to handle the counties tax sales. Logsdon made a motion to sign. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Rotunda Project

Mominee Studios contacted Universal Design asking if the commissioners would want to approve a change order for additional work on the courthouse rotunda that Jules Mominee feels is necessary. The additions would include replacing the "T's" with material that is lighter and more resistant to corrosion, and AZEK curved trim molding for an additional cost of \$3,195. Rininger stated he felt the commissioners have a responsibility to do it right and make it last. Shelton told the commissioners there is no extra money in the grant for the additional. After discussion about where the money will come from, it was decided that the \$3,195 will be paid out of Cumulative Capital Courthouse Maintenance.

Highway Report

Painter said Bridge #292 on CR 600N will be re-opened on Friday. Rininger asked if it was done for the budgeted amount. Painter said it was completed for the estimated amount. Holstein stated URS did a great job. Logsdon stated that United should inspect the bridge prior to the opening.

Engineer Report

Holstein stated she has hired a summer intern. His name is David McManaway, a civil engineering student at the University of Evansville. Holstein stated that at budget time last year she asked for the intern to be

able to use a surplus vehicle. The council told her to have the intern use his personal vehicle and pay mileage, so the county would not have to pay for insurance. Gogel stated he remembered the mileage part. Holstein stated she will go before the council and for mileage as needed.

#### INDOT Meeting

Logsdon stated he and Gogel went to a meeting with INDOT last week. One of the issues discussed was the extension of SR 66 to the new SR 231, and how it will probably not happen due to environmental concerns. Another issue discussed was the possibility of the county taking over old SR 231 earlier than originally agreed. Logsdon and Gogel were non-committal, but did request fair compensation if it were to happen. Logsdon also discussed the possibility of INDOT paying to open a drain down to Honey Creek from a box culvert under the new SR 231 which currently leads to no where.

#### Bid Opening Project 2007-01

Bituminous Re-surfacing of Silverdale Road from SR 66 to CR 500 N bid opening:  
The engineer estimate for the project is \$314,057.00.

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| Metzger Construction | \$317,828.75 |
| Gohmann Asphalt      | \$309,194.60 |
| J.H. Rudolph         | \$308,849.50 |
| E & B Paving         | \$321,123.00 |

Holstein recommended the bid from J.H. Rudolph be accepted. Logsdon made a motion to accept the bid from J.H. Rudolph. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Highway Equipment Bid

Wirthwein presented the recommendations for the bids opened at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Bid package #1 Sternberg – low bid, plus extended warranty, for total of \$144,416.86
- Bid package #2 TriState Utility – low bid, for \$72,075.00
- Bid package #3 Southeastern – New Holland – 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bid, due to availability of parts, plus extended warranty, for a total of \$53,956.00
- Bid package #4 Ruxer Ford – low bid, for \$74,741.00

Gogel asked if extended warranty is necessary. Wirthwein stated that with electronics on the equipment, he felt it was worth the price. Discussion was had about including fuel consumption and other items in future bid specifications. The following motions were made:

- Bid package #1 Gogel made a motion to accept Sternberg plus the extended warranty for \$132,964.66. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.
- Bid package #2 Logsdon made a motion to accept TriState Utility for \$72,075.00. Gogel seconded. All in favor.
- Bid package #3 Gogel made a motion to accept Southeastern – New Holland plus extended warranty for \$49,700.00. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.
- Bid package #4 Logsdon made a motion to accept Ruxer Ford for \$72,590.00. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon asked when the public will be given the opportunity to look at the equipment to bid on it. Lueken stated all of the recommendation amounts presented were with trade-in, because he and Wirthwein felt it was more advantageous for the county. Logsdon stated the decision was not brought before the commissioners before the bids were awarded, and many of the local contractors asked to be given the opportunity to bid on the equipment. Lueken stated that the recommendation was made in the counties best interest. Lueken stated there are other statutory procedures that can be used in the bid process. Logsdon asked for a copy of that information.

#### County Website

Kevin Hunter, President of Access Spencer County, discussed the proposal for a county government website. A committee has been meeting for 6 months, gathering information on each office's needs and on design and cost. Bids were taken on the design and hosting of the site and the committee recommends Perry-Spencer. The total cost for design and for hosting for the first five years is \$12,750. This price includes unlimited emails for the commissioners and one unlimited email address for each office. The Access Spencer County Board has voted to pay for 50% of the bid amount - \$6,375. Shelton stated that the majority of the initial

cost is for the design of the site. Hunter explained that the bid amount also includes training for each office, so they will be able to update the information on that office's page. Rininger stated it would be useful for people wanting to relocate to Spencer County. Logsdon asked how Access Spencer County is funded. Hunter stated it was originally set up with a grant from the state and the money has been used very efficiently by the volunteers. Logsdon asked how much money will be needed up front. Hunter stated with the \$6,375 from Access Spencer County an addition \$375 is needed up front then \$1,500 will be paid annually for four years. Rininger stated that the possibilities are endless with the site. Logsdon asked how long it would take for the site to be up, if it is approved. Hunter stated approximately 6 weeks. Logsdon asked about the security of the site. Hunter said Perry-Spencer will have to answer, but if security is not adequate then the site will not happen. Gogel stated that it needs to go before the council and through the normal budget process. Francis said he has not seen the contract. Rininger suggested a 30 day out clause. Logsdon recommended that the contract be reviewed by Lueken and address it at the next meeting.

#### Spencer County Logo

Rininger thanked the students at Heritage Hills and South Spencer High Schools for their participation in designing the county logo. The commissioners discussed the logos and made suggestions for changes. Logsdon recommended that the logos be given to the website committee and ask them to come back to the commissioners with a recommendation.

#### Pan Flu Presentation Request

Kim Hay, Spencer County Public Health Nurse, explained the possibility of a global pandemic flu outbreak. She requested permission to give a 30 minute presentation to all county employees during work hours to educate them on prevention and spreading of disease. Logsdon made a motion to approve the request. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### EMS Grant

Perdue stated the GIS and laptop grant has to be rewritten due to information which was changed. The time frame has been extended until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Perdue also stated that the \$1,200 annual fee needed to update the state's GIS map will not be paid by the county; if the state wants it updated they will pay for it.

Deputy Auditor Graham stated that some of the fire departments who will be receiving new laptops asked that they be allowed to keep the old laptops at the stations. Perdue stated they will not handle the new data but will be useful for address and other work. Gogel made a motion to purchase the new laptops when the grant comes in. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

#### INPAA Survey

Rininger stated he received an Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association Non-Attendee Survey that needs to be completed. Perdue stated he will complete his part of the survey and give it to the Auditor.

#### Boner Bridge

Stewart Sebree, Director of the Southwest Field Office of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, presented the commissioners with a plaque and thanked them for their efforts to restore Boner Bridge. It is the oldest iron bridge in the state of Indiana.

#### LTRSD

Ed Ingram, the new commissioners' appointee to the Luce Township Regional Sewer District Board, thanked the board for his appointment. He has attended one meeting in his new official capacity, but has attended many before being appointed. He stated he will regularly report back to the commissioners on progress made by the board. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 o'clock at the Hatfield Library. Rininger thanked him for agreeing to the appointment.

#### Troy Refinery Site

Rininger stated he is investigating some past working oil wells that are located on the Troy Refinery site that is now owned by the county. The wells were abandoned when the price of oil dropped. Rininger stated that a real estate abstract needs to be done to determine if the county also owns the mineral rights. Lueken stated the facts need to be analyzed. Logsdon made a motion to use Commissioner funds up to \$500 to have an abstract done and then have Lueken give his opinion. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Rotunda

King stated he has received a proposal from Bill Glenn to build the catwalk around the rotunda in the amount of \$2,296. Gogel made a motion to request \$2,296 from the Cumulative Capital fund for the walkway. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. Lueken stated that if an additional is asked for from the council then the whole rotunda project will be delayed. Deputy Auditor Graham suggested using courthouse maintenance. Gogel withdrew his earlier motion. Gogel made a motion to pay the \$2,296 from courthouse maintenance and authorize King to begin construction. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Old EMT Building

King stated that the old EMT building has been torn down and the trees will be coming down the first of next week.

Jail Maintenance

King stated that he would like to give his two weeks notice as maintenance supervisor for the jail. He feels that he is neglecting his duties at the courthouse. Logsdon asked King if he would still be resigning if all of the Ameresco problems were worked out and there were no personnel issues. King said no. Logsdon asked him to hold off on the resignation until it is looked into.

Ameresco

Pursley called and was unable to attend the meeting but told Shelton that the checklist would be completed by next Friday. King stated many of the things are still not completed and asked if there was a time element to the contract. Gogel asked if there were any consequences built into the contract for going over on time. Logsdon asked Lueken to review the contract and write a letter to Ameresco regarding the deadlines.

Legal Report

Tort Claim Form - Lueken presented the commissioners with a copy Notice of Tort Claim Form, which would be required to be completed by anyone filing a claim against the county. He said it is designed after the state’s Notice of Tort Claim Form. Logsdon made a motion to accept the form as presented. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Agreement to Hold Harmless – Lueken and Holstein also developed an Agreement to Hold Harmless with will be included in all bid packages and all bidders will be required to agree to hold harmless, indemnify and insure the county.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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President  
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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